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1. EAPAC REVIEWED SUBJECT PP MAY 15 AND APPROVED IT
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MISSION ASSURANCES DISCUSSED BELOW
AID/W APPRECIATES TIMELY MISSION RESPONSE TO REF (B)
WHICH WAS HELPFUL RESOGVING MOST ISSUES AND ACTIONS OUT-
LINED PARA 3, 4, AND 6 REF (A) ACCEPTABLE TO EAPAC;
HOWEVER EAPAC HAS RESERVATIONS REGARDING (A& REPRESENTA-
TION OF SMALL FARMER INTERESTS AT RESEARCH PLANNING AND
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REVIEW LEVEL AND (B) RESEARCH EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS
WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY MISSION RESPONSE TO THESE ISSUES
DETAILED BELOW TO ALLOW FINAL RESOLUTION PRIOR DLSC
MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MAY 22.

2 PARA REF (A) ASSERTS THAT TPRB MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED WITH SMALL FARMERS PROBLEMS; WE STILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE THAT SMALL FARMER INTERESTS ARE REPRESENTED WITHIN THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF REF (C) WHICH STRESSES PARTICIPATION OF POOR IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS; FOR EXAMPLE, APPENDIX C ITEM 3 REF (C) DIRECTS THAT QUOTE DECISIONS

CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT ARE MADE PREFERABLY BY THOSE BENEFITED, (I;E., THE POOR) OR IF NOT, AT LEAST WITH EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AND SUBSTANTIAL ACCEPTANCE BY THOSE BENEFITED UNQUOTE AID/W WISHES STRONGLY TO EXPRESS ESSENTIALITY OF ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF VIEWS/INTEREST OF SMALL FARMERS IN GUIDING RESEARCH DECISIONS AND PROVIDING FEED-BACK FOR ON-GOING RESEARCH PROGRAMS. TO THIS END, AID/W WOULD PREFER TO SEE SMALL FARMER REPRESENTATION ON THIS BOARD COMPARABLE TO THAT PROVIDED FOR AGRO/INDUSTRY HAS MISSION DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH PCAR PER PARA 2 REF (B)? IF PCAR AND MISSION SATISFIED SMALL FARMER INTERESTS SATPSFACTORILY REPRESENTED WITHIN PRESENT TPRB COMPOSITION WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RATIONALE, I E., WHICH BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENT SMALL FARMERS INTERESTS AS WELL AS SMALL FARMER REPRESENTATIVES COULD DO THEMSELVES AND WHY THEY MAY BE EXPECTED TO DO SO IF MISSION IN DISCUSSION WITH PCAR DETERMINES SMALL FARMER INTERESTS NMT ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED ON TPRB WE REQUEST ASSURANCE THAT CONDITION WILL BE REMEDIED.

3. WE UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN JUSTIFICATION CERTAIN ITEMS ANNEX J OF PP PLEASE CONFIRM REQUIREMENTS AND VERIFY COSTS FOR MAJOR ITEMS IN LIST OF RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ALSO REVIEW LIST FOR ELIGIBILITY AID FINANCING. WE NOTE VEHICLE LIST INCLUDES FORD FIERA WHICH INELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING UNDER AID REGULATIONS. INGERSOLL

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